

REMARKS

The Office Action of 04/06/2005 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, the claims have been amended as set forth above. Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Abstract has been amended as required. The objection to the drawing is noted. Clarification is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 6, 8 and 10-12 were rejected as being anticipated by Tuttlebee. The remaining claims were rejected as being unpatentable over Tuttlebee in view of various secondary references. The claims have been amended to more clearly distinguish over the cited reference. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In particular, the claims have been amended to recite that the data and status indicator are transmitted in accordance with the Digital Storage Media Command and Control (DSM-CC) protocol. No such feature is believed to be taught or suggested by Tuttlebee.

With the foregoing clarifications, the claims are now believed to be allowable. Notice of the same is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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